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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

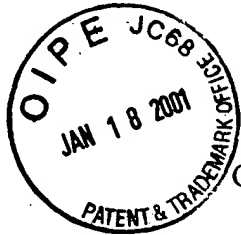
Howell et al.

Serial No.: 09/526,394

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For: COPPER PAD STRUCTURE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Nitin Parekh

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2000, please consider the following:

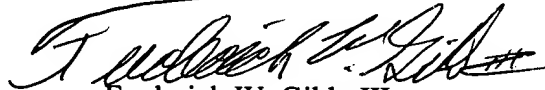
REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, (Claims 1-14), without traverse. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later. Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

Respectfully Submitted,



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